

Application No. 10/553,767
Amendment dated February 18, 2008
Reply to Restriction Requirement dated January 17, 2008

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Docket No.: 62260A US

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 17, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 17, 2008,. Please reconsider the claims
5 pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 12-23, 27-40, and 42-44 remain pending in the application upon entry of this Response. Claims 1-11, 24-26, and 41 have been cancelled by the Applicant without prejudice. Claims 12-16, 19, 21, 27, 42, and 43 have been amended by the Applicant. No new matter is introduced in these amendments.
10 Claims 1-44 stand restricted by the Examiner. Reconsideration of the restricted claims is requested for reasons presented below.

The Examiner asserts that a restriction of the claimed invention is required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

15 Group I, Claims 1-26, 41, and 42, drawn to a vegetable oil based polyol.

Group II, Claims 27-40, 43, and 44, drawn to a process of making a vegetable-based polyol

The Applicant elects, with traverse, Group I (Claims 1-26, 41, and 42). There
20 would not be a serious burden on the Examiner if the restriction is not required, as the claims of Group II recites at least most of the elements of group I. Withdrawal of the restriction is respectfully requested.

The Applicant is further advised to elect one species of R, one species of X, one species of X', and one species of A. The Applicant provisionally elects the R
25 species "polyol", the X and X' species "O", and the A species "A3".

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Having addressed all issues set out in the Restriction Requirement, the Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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